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February 1 Potato Stocks

February 1 Montana potato stocks are estimated to be 3.4 million cwt or 93 percent of the 2010 production, compared to 3.2 million cwt or 97 percent of production held at the same time last year.

The 13 major potato States held 176 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2011, down 14 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 50 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below February 1, 2010. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.50 million cwt on February 1, 2011, down 11 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 176 million cwt, was 3 percent below February 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.6 million cwt, was down 12 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 91.9 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.6 million cwt of the total processing, down 20 percent from last year.

Montana 2010 Crop Values

The value of Montana's 2010 all wheat crop was up 56 percent from 2009 to \$1.4 billion. All wheat season average price increased \$1.42 per bushel to \$6.60 per bushel.

The value of Montana's winter wheat crop increased 37 percent from last year to \$589.7 million. The season average price was \$1.51 higher than last year at \$6.30 per bushel. Spring wheat's value of production was up 81 percent from 2009 to \$731.4 million. The season average price increased \$1.33 per bushel to \$7.05 per bushel. Durum wheat's season average price increased \$0.95 per bushel from 2009 to \$6.10 per bushel. The value of the durum wheat crop was \$109.9 million, up from \$85.4 million in 2009.

The value of Montana's oat crop was \$4.3 million, down from \$4.6 million in

2009. The season average price was up \$0.06 to \$2.60 per bushel. Total value of production for barley was estimated at \$159.5 million, down 20 percent from the previous year. The 2010 season average price, at \$4.15 per bushel was down \$0.71 from 2009. Corn for grain value of production for 2010 was estimated at \$24.8 million dollars, up from \$16.7 million in 2009. The average price per bushel increased \$1.17 to \$5.40 per bushel.

Montana's 2010 value of production for flaxseed was \$2.9 million, \$1.6 million above 2009. The season average price jumped \$3.40 per bushel from last year to \$11.20 per bushel. The value of the canola crop in 2010 was \$6.0 million, up from \$1.5 million in 2009. Canola's season average price increased \$6.50 per cwt from last year to \$20.00 per hundredweight. The value of production for safflower decreased 2 percent from 2009 to \$4.4 million dollars in 2010. The season average price was unchanged from last year at \$19.00 per hundredweight.

Dry edible beans value of production was estimated at \$9.6 million, 38 percent above 2009. The average price dropped \$1.90 to \$26.70 per cwt. Value of production for dry edible peas in Montana, at \$32.8 million was up from the 2009 value of \$25.4 million. The average price decreased \$0.53 per cwt to \$7.93 per hundredweight. Austrian winter peas value of production for the 2010 crop rose to \$1.9 million from \$1.2 million in 2009. The average price was \$17.00 per cwt, down \$4.70 from last year. Lentils value of production rose to \$77.6 million from \$43.5 million in 2009. The average price decreased \$4.10 to \$23.10 per cwt.

Montana's value of production for potatoes, at \$46.3 million, was up 32 percent from the previous year. The average price was \$12.60 per cwt, \$2.00 above 2009. Sugar beets value of production for 2009 is estimated at \$53.5 million, up 28 percent from the previous year. The season average price jumped \$2.60 per ton from 2008 to \$53.40 per ton.

The 2010 season average price for all hay decreased \$14.00 per ton from last year to \$81.50 per ton. The value of production was up 9 percent to \$499.4 million. Alfalfa hay's 2010 season

average price came in at \$81.00, down \$15.00 per ton from last year and other hay's season average price decreased \$12.00 per ton to \$84.00 per ton.

2010 Milk Production, Milk Cows on Farms, and U.S. January Milk Production

The annual milk production for Montana during 2010 was 289 million pounds, 3 percent below 2009. Production per cow averaged 20,643 pounds for 2010, 710 pounds above 2009. The average number of milk cows on farms during 2010 was 14,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2009. The number of licensed dairy herds went from 75 in 2009 to 70 in 2010.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2010 was 193 billion pounds, 1.8 percent above 2009. Revisions to 2009 production increased the annual total 14 million pounds. Revised 2010 production was up 93 million pounds from last month's publication.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 21,149 pounds for 2010, 576 pounds above 2009. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 16.4 percent from 2001.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2010 was 9.12 million head, down 0.9 percent from 2009. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2009.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from January 2010. December revised production at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from December 2009. The December revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,813 pounds for January, 29 pounds above January 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 82,000 head more than January 2010, and 14,000 head more than December 2010.

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